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Patent No.: 54601US007

DENTAL MILL BLANKS

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☒ Specification (46 consecutively numbered pgs, including 72 claims on 10 consecutively numbered pgs and a 1 pg Abstract);

☐ Drawings (___ figures on ___ sheets);

☒ Copies of a signed Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pgs) and Associate Power of Attorney (1 pg) filed in the Parent application (USSN 09/227,230).

☐ Application Data Sheet (___ pgs).

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☐ An Assignment of the invention to ___ and Recordation Form Cover Sheet.

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☐ A certified copy of a ___ application, Serial No. ___, filed _____, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

☐ Computer readable form of "Sequence Listing." Applicants state that the paper copy form of the "Sequence Listing" section of the present application, and the computer readable form submitted herewith, are the same.

☒ Other: Request for Filing a Divisional Patent Application Under Rule 1.53(b) (3 pgs).

☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment (11 pgs - including Appendix A (8 pgs)).

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Total Claims	49	- 20 =	29	x \$18 =	\$522
Independent Claims	7	- 3 =	4	x \$84 =	\$336
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Docket Number	Anticipated Classification		Prior Application	
54601US007	Class	Subclass	Examiner R. Lewis	Art Unit 3732

**REQUEST FOR FILING A DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER RULE 1.53(b)**

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of Serial No.09/227,230, Confirmation No. Unknown, filed on 8 January 1999, entitled DENTAL MILL BLANKS by the following inventor(s) (name, address, and citizenship):

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1. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the specification (including claims, abstract, and drawings) as filed in the prior application.
2. ☒ Enclosed is a new specification (including claims and abstract). The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Filed: Herewith

Title: DENTAL MILL BLANKS

3. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and Associate Power of Attorney filed in the prior application.
4. ☐ Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. ☐ Enclosed are formal drawings (sheets).
6. ☒ Cancel in this application claims 1-15 and 28-35 before calculating the filing fee. (At least one independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
7. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
8. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED			
NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE \$740
Total Claims 49-20 =	29	\$18	\$522
Independent Claims 7-3 =	4	\$84	\$336
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED		\$280	\$0
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10. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-4895.
11. ☐ This application is being filed by less than all of the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following inventor(s) who are not inventors of the invention claimed in the present application:
12. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting as the first sentence on page 1, the following: -- This is a division of application Serial No. 09/227,230, filed 8 January 1999, (pending), which is incorporated herein by reference.--
13. ☐ Priority of foreign application Serial No. ____, filed on ____ in (country) ____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

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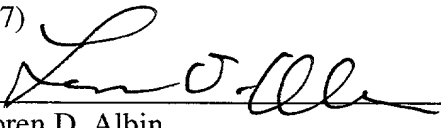
14. X The prior application is assigned of record to 3M Innovative Properties Company.
15. X The Power of Attorney in the prior application includes: Steven S. Skolnick, Ann M. Muetting, and Loren D. Albin.

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